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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Joanne E. BURN, et al.

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

We are in receipt of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed February 11, 2003. It is believed that this Notice was mailed in error. The Notice indicates the fifth inventor had not executed the declaration.

The Declaration that was filed on August 22, 2002 was actually in three parts. One part contained five signatures, the second part contained those same five and one additional signature and the third part contained the fifth inventor alone.

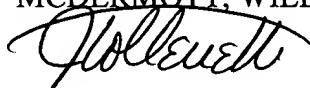
In response to this Notice, submitted herewith are copies of the Declaration as filed with the Response to Notification of Missing Requirements on August 22, 2002. You will note the fifth inventor had actually signed on a Declaration sheet by himself.

It is therefore believed that all requirements were complied with on August 22, 2002. If anything further is needed, please contact the undersigned immediately.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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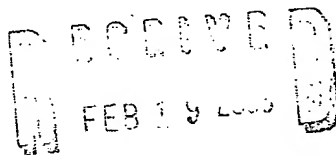
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### NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fee
- Priority Document
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette
- Biochemical Sequence Listing
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Information Disclosure Statements
- Oath or Declaration
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

Applicant's response filed 08/22/2002 is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 03/22/2002 have not been completed.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - The fifth inventor has not executed the declaration.

Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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